

**Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. McCaffrey Street Plant Site in the Village of Hoosick Falls PFOA in
Hoosick Falls, NY**

NPL Listing

- In a January 14, 2016 letter to the Regional Administrator, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proposed that EPA, after conducting an investigation, nominate for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. McCaffrey Street plant site in Hoosick Falls, NY.
- NYDEC also added the site to its own state Superfund list.
- In response to the state's request, EPA has been working expeditiously to evaluate the site under the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) to determine if the site is eligible for inclusion on the NPL.
- This evaluation has included sampling of soil, groundwater and other media, which was completed on May 18, 2016. Our sampling found not only PFOA but other contaminants too, including TCE.
- EPA is working diligently on the next NPL proposed rule in September 2016 and EPA is evaluating the Saint-Gobain site for potential proposal to the NPL.

INTERNAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Background

- EPA has spent about \$500,000 on environmental sampling and analysis in Hoosick Falls to date.
- Region 2 believes EPA is in a position to make a decision about a proposed NPL listing in the next scheduled NPL update (September 2016) issued by the Agency.
- This past winter, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) oversaw the installation of a temporary treatment system on the Hoosick Falls public water supply, to remove PFOA from the water before it is distributed to users. DOH has determined that the system is properly removing PFOA.
- DOH is also overseeing the design and construction of a permanent treatment system. In addition, Saint-Gobain and Honeywell have initiated studies relating to the nature and extent of the contamination.
- Also, to protect private well owners whose water may be impacted by PFOA, the state has installed Point of Entry Treatment systems at many residences in the Town of Hoosick.

Congressional Interest

- Senator Gillibrand sent letters to EPA on June 23 requesting TSCA assessment for PFOA contamination in Hoosick and Petersburg, NY, and a February 1 letter requesting NPL listing in Hoosick Falls.
- Region 2/OCIR have participated in several conference calls on the PFOA/PFOS issue with Gillibrand's office.
- Region 2 staff attended Senator Gillibrand's community meeting early this month in Hoosick Falls.
- Senator Schumer sent a July 22, 2016, letter urging EPA to promptly propose the site for the NPL.
- Other members of the NY delegation have sent letters on the PFOS/PFOA issue in Hoosick Falls as well as in Newburgh NY, Petersburg NY.